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Merthyr Planning

Dear Rebecca

Re: Planning Application Number P/20/0094.

Having reviewed the drawings I would have the following observations to make in respect of the above planning application:-

(i). Side and rear boundaries.

The side and rear of the care home should be protected by fencing and gates. They should be robust, at least 1.8 metres high and designed to be difficult to climb over. There must be no assists to climbing adjacent to the perimeter security.

Gates should be lockable both sides with a key, the same height as the adjacent fencing and sited at, or as near to, the front building line of the care home as possible. Gates should have access control fitted e.g. digilocks.

The rear and side gardens must be secure areas.

(ii). Landscaping.

There must be clear lines of sight across the development.

Trees must be bare stemmed up to 2 metres from the ground and not interfere with lighting. They must not be located to provide an assist for criminals to climb over perimeter security or be adjacent to the buildings. Plants or bushes must only grow to a maximum height of 1

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metre.

There must be clear unobstructed views of the parking bays from the care home.

(iii). CCTV.

The whole outside of the care home, vehicle parking bays, cycle stores and main entrances into the home, should be protected by monitored CCTV (as outlined in Design and Access statement). Images produced must be admissible in a court of law and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) must be complied with.

(iv). Vehicle parking areas.

The vehicle parking bays must be overlooked by rooms in the care home (as per drawing).

The bays must be protected by CCTV, well illuminated at night, and they must enjoy good natural surveillance with unobstructed views from the home.

(v). Bicycle stores.

Bike stores must be secure areas, lit and overlooked by rooms in the building (please visit www.securedbydesign.com for more information).

(vi). Security lighting.

The whole outside of the care home, vehicle parking bays, cycle stores and main entrances into the home must be lit, during the hours of darkness, with the lighting effective.

Lighting should be controlled by photo electric cells or time switches and must complement and enhance the CCTV system operating on site.

(vii). Bin storage.

Bins must be kept in secure areas and the bin stores should be protected by doors that meet the security standard PAS 24 2016 or equivalent.

(viii). Drainpipes.

Drainpipes must be located within the fabric of the building or of a design, e.g. flush fitting, to prevent climbing.

(ix). Door security.

The external doors of the care home, individual apartment doors and doors protecting rooms where valuable information or property is stored e.g. offices, must meet the standard . PAS 24 2016 or equivalent. Ideally they would be third party certificated.

The individual apartment external doors must also meet the standard PAS 24 2016 or equivalent and be third party certificated.

Glass fitted in or adjacent to external door panels must be laminated.

Fire doors must have no external furniture fitted and be alarmed. Doors that are described as fire doors, or where fire performance is declared or implied, are required to have third-party certification for both security and fire performance.

Doors in recesses of more than 600 mm deep should be avoided.

(x). Window security.

All vulnerable windows fitted, must meet the SBD standard PAS 24 2016 or equivalent. Ideally they would be third party certificated. They should also have restrictors fitted (as outlined in the Design and Access statement)

(xi). Warden office.

The wardens' office in the care home must be near the main entrance to control access into the building (as per drawings).

(xii). Access control.

Access into the care home and from the lobby area into the apartments should be controlled by access control with visual verification. If access into the building is not controlled 24 hours per day, 365 days a year by a warden each individual apartment should have access control with visual verification fitted.

(xiii). Dwelling identification.

The apartments should be clearly identifiable i.e. clearly numbered.

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If you or the developer require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Harvey

Designing out Crime Officer

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